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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 1 to 5.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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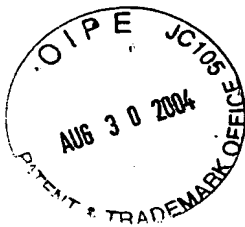
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Practitioner's Docket No. 60308-USA

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Arthur D. Ballard, Christopher J. Sewall, James J. Modliszewski, William R. Blakemore, and Peter J. Riley

Application No.: 10/824,956

Filed: April 14, 2004

For: Homogeneous, Thermoreversible Low Viscosity Polymannan  
Gum Films and Soft Capsules Made Therefrom

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**COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS  
—NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed June 29, 2004. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted (Form PTO-1533) is enclosed.

**DECLARATION OR OATH**

II. No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

**REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS**

III. Replacement drawings of Figures 1-5 are enclosed.

**COMPLETION FEES**

**IV. Surcharge Fees**

Late payment of filing fee  
and/or late filing of original  
declaration or oath  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e))

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence (along with any correspondence referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, with sufficient postage as first class mail.

Margaret Christy  
Signature

Date: 8/26/04

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(type or print name of person certifying)

Total Completion Fees

\$130.00

#### EXTENSION OF TIME

V. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

#### TOTAL FEE DUE

VI. The total fee due is:

Completion fees	\$130.00
Extension fee (if any)	\$0.00
Total Fee Due	\$130.00

#### PAYMENT OF FEES

VII. Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1440. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

#### AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

VIII. The Office is hereby authorized to charge, in the manner shown above, the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application.

37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a))

Date: August 26, 2004

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